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Monday, December 8, 2025

City Hall
15 Loockerman Plaza
Dover, DE 19901
Attn.: Mayor Robin R. Christiansen and Members of the City Council

Dear Mayor Christiansen and Members of City Council,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) to express our full support for the pedestrian safety ordinance that is on tonight's City Council agenda.

As we drive throughout Dover, it has become far too commonplace to have pedestrians crossing the highways where there is no crosswalk, standing on medians, approaching vehicles, and stepping into traffic. We believe this presents a problem for drivers who are made to feel uneasy or fearful while stopped at traffic lights or are inching though traffic because not knowing when and where these people will appear is a driving hazard. We also believe that it presents an even bigger problem for those who are engaged in this behavior because it certainly puts them in harm's way.

Your Chamber is keenly interested in working towards a clean, safe, family-friendly capital city. We have been squarely in the center of the revitalization effort that is now underway and have been from its inception. We want very much for people to feel at home in this place and feel proud to live and do business here. Eliminating these hazards on the roadways is a great starting point!

It is imperative that you pass this ordinance to reduce dangerous conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. It is equally important that it be implemented as soon as possible. Waiting several months to put this needed measure into place is unnecessary and unacceptable.

As always, your Chamber stands ready to help in any way that we can. Thank you for your consideration of this matter – and thank you, in advance, for supporting this ordinance to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.

All the best –

Dr. Dina Carol Vendetti
President